GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1756
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
MAINTENANCE OF MONUMENTS BY IOC
AKBOR ALI KHANDOKER

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has started a foundation for restoration and maintenance of Archaeological Monuments in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any request from Government of West Bengal to undertake some restoration projects in the State;

(c) whether the Government have considered the request of Government of West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The Indian Oil Corporation has set-up a non-profit trust `Indian Oil Foundation` with an objective to protect, preserve and promote the national heritage in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India and the NationalCulture Fund of the Department of Culture, Government of India.

(b) No such request has been received from the Government of West Bengal.

(c) & (d) The Question does not arise.